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SUBJECT: TASK FORCE REPORTS, WEEK ENDING MAY 9, 1973

HQS PASS BELK/IA, DURKIN/ ENCC FROM DOYLE

WHITE HOUSE PASS L. GLADDEN FROM DOYLE/ BNDD

1. TASK FORCE 23 (SNO)

A) PERSONNEL: GENERAL SHUKIAT REPORTED THAT HE WOULD
REPORT TO WORK IN BANGKOK THE END OF THIS MONTH. COLONEL
KUSORN HAS ALREADY TAKEN OVER MOST OF THE RESPONSIBILITY.

B) OFFICE SPACE: NO CHANGE.

C) EQUIPMENT: THE THREE HAND RADIOS THAT WERE SENT
TO BANGKOK LAST MONTH FOR REPAIR WERE RETURNED TO SNO ON
MAY 8, 1973.

D) OPERATIONS: SNO FORCES FROM MAE SAI AND CHIANG RAI
ARRESTED NAI SA AKA SAMSAKDI KHAUNKAMSAN AT 6:00 A. M. MAY 5,
1973 ON A ROUTINE CHECK POINT. SAMSAKDI WAS IN POSSESSION
OF 3.5 GKG. OF PREPARED OPIUM. A SEARCH OF HIS HOUSE REVEALED
ANOTHER 10 GRAMS OF PREPARED OPIUM. SAMSAKDI WOULD NOT
COOPERATE AS TO HIS SOURCE OF SUPPLY. SAMSAKDI WAS TURNED
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OVER TO THE MAE SAI POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR PROSECUTION. ON MAY 5, 1973 SNO FORCES FROM MAE SAI AND CHIANG RAI ARMED WITH INFORMATION FROM A CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT SEARCHED THE HOUSE OF NAI PAO LO AND FOUND 3.5 KG OF RAW OPIUM. PAO LO ESCAPED WHILE THE SEARCH WAS IN PROGRESS. THE ORIGINAL INFORMATION WAS PAO LO WAS IN POSSESSION OF 200 KG OF RAW OPIUM. THE INVESTIGATION IS BEING CONTINUED.

REPORTS FROM SNO GARRISONS INSINUATE THAT THERE IS LITTLE MOVEMENT OF NARCOTICS AT THIS TIME DUE TO THE TROUBLE IN NORTHERN THAILAND AND TACHILEK, BURMA WITH THE KKY FORCES OVER THE TOWN OF TACHILEK.

THIS REPORTING PERIOD THERE HAS BEEN AN INCREASE IN ROAD CHECKS BY SNO. SNO FORCES STATE THEY HAVE BEEN HEARING RUMBLES OF SMALL SHIPMENT BEING SENT TO BANGKOK, BUT AS YET HAVE NO SPECIFIC INFORMATION.

E) SPECIAL COMMENT: MAJOR GENERAL SHUKIAT IS NOW IN CHIANG RAI AND MAE SAI MAKING HIS LAST INSPECTION OF THE GARRISONS.

2. TASK FORCE 27 (GSI)

A) PERSONNEL: NO CHANGE.

B) EQUIPMENT: GSI DURING THIS PERIOD HAS RECEIVED 10 ADDITIONAL MOTORCYCLES AND 3 BICYCLES. THE MOTORCYCLES ARE CURRENTLY BEING REGISTERED AND WILL EVENTUALLY BE DISTRIBUTED TO THE DISTRICT OFFICES. AS OF THIS DATE, THE JEEP ASSIGNED TO LUANG PRABANG HAS NOT BEEN REPAIRED DUE TO A LACK OF SPARE PARTS.

C) OFFICE SPACE: NO CHANGE.

D) OPERATIONS:

(A) BAN HOU EI SAI: THE MILITARY SITUATION HAS NOT CHANGED IN THIS AREA AND OPERATIONS ARE LIMITED TO THE BAN HOU EI SAI AREA. GSI OFFICERS HAVE CONDUCTED INVESTIGATIONS OF SUSPECTS AT BAN HOU EI KANG, BAN HOU EI TANE, AT PAK NGAO DISTRICT WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. NO SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY REPORTED DURING THIS PERIOD.

(B) SAYABOURY: DURING THIS PERIOD, GSI OFFICERS DEVELOPED INFORMATION REVEALING THAT NAI KHANE OF BAN KENE CONFIDENTIAL

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THAO WAS TO RECEIVE SHIPMENT OF 100 KILOGRAMS OF OPIUM FROM NAI NOI BOUN THEUNG OF BAN NONG NGOUA TO BE DELIVERED TO BAN NONG NGOUA BY 9 MEOS. GSI OFFICERS, ACCOMPANIED BY THE RLG PROSECUTING ATTORNEY, ATTEMPTED TO INTERCEPT THE ABOVE SHIPMENT WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. ON THE FOLLOWING DAY, GSI OFFICERS, ACCOMPANIED BY THE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY, AFTER LEARNING THAT 50 KILOGRAMS OF OPIUM REMAINED AT NAI NOI' S

RESIDENCE, SEARCHED SAME AND TWO OTHER RESIDENCES OF NOI'S RELATIVES WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. NO SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY REPORTED DURING THIS PERIOD.

(C) LUANG PRABANG: ACTIVITY OF GSI OFFICERS AT THIS LOCATION CONSISTED MAINLY OF AIRCRAFT CONTROLS AND SURVEILLANCE OF SUSPECTED TRAFFICKERS IN THAT AREA.

(D) PAKSD: GSI OFFICERS ARE CONTINUING SURVEILLANCE OF SUSPECTED TRAFFICKERS TRAVELING BETWEEN THE PATHET LAO OCCUPIED ZONES OF BAN PHAPHO, MUONG PATHOUMPHONE, SEDONE PROVINCE, AND PAKSE. GSI OFFICERS ARE ATTEMPTING TO VERIFY UNCONFIRMED INFORMATION RECEIVED THAT OPIUM STOCKS EXIST IN THE ABOVE MENTIONED VILLAGES IN THE PATHET LAO ZONE AND THAT THE TRAFFICKERS ARE CURRENTLY ATTEMPTING TO MAKE CONTACT WITH PAKSE TRAFFICKERS TO PURCHASE SAME. NO SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY REPORTED DURING THIS PERIOD.

(E) VIENTIANE: DURING THIS PERIOD, GSI OFFICERS WERE DIVIDED INTO THREE INVESTIGATIVE SECTIONS, AND EACH SECTION ASSIGNED A LOCAL TARGET. NO REPORTS OF MOVEMENT OF NARCOTICS WERE RECEIVED AT VIENTIANE NOR DOES SURVEILLANCE OF THESE TARGETS REVEAL ANY UNUSUAL ACTIVITY. SPORADIC AIRCRAFT CONTROLS CONTINUE WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. DECONTROL UPON RECEIPT BY BNDD ONLY. MASTERS

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